

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

DAVID C. ROBINSON,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	Civil Action No.: 04-1401GMS
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v.	)	
	)	
GOLDEN RULE INSURANCE	)	
COMPANY,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**SCHEDULING ORDER**

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2005, the Court having conducted an initial Rule 16 scheduling and planning conference pursuant to Local Rule 16.2(b) on April 5, 2005, and the parties having determined after discussion that the matter cannot be resolved at this juncture by settlement, voluntary mediation or binding arbitration;

IT IS SO ORDERED that;

1. **Rule 26(a) Initial Disclosures.** Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, they shall make their initial disclosures pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a) on or before April 22, 2005.

2. **Joinder of other Parties and Amendment of Pleadings.** All motions to join other parties and amend the pleadings shall be filed on or before April 29, 2005.

3. **Discovery.** All discovery in this case shall be initiated so that it will be completed on or before October 3, 2005.

a. **Discovery Matters.** Should counsel find they are unable to resolve a discovery matter, the party seeking the relief shall contact chambers at (302) 573-6470 to schedule a telephone conference. Not less than forty-eight hours prior to the conference, by hand delivery

or facsimile at (302) 573-6472, the party seeking relief shall file with the court a joint letter agenda not to exceed two (2) pages outlining the issues in dispute. Should the court find further necessary upon conclusion of the telephone conference, the court shall order the party seeking relief to file with the court a **TWO-PAGE LETTER**, exclusive of exhibits, describing the issues in contention. The responding party shall file within five (5) days from the date of service of the opening letter an answering letter no more that **TWO PAGES**. The party seeking relief may then file a reply letter of no more than **TWO PAGES** within three (3) days from the date of service of the answering letter.

b. Disclosure of Expert Testimony. The plaintiff shall make his initial disclosures of expert testimony under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2) on or before July 22, 2005; and defendant shall make any expert disclosures intended to contradict or rebut evidence on the same subject matter on or before August 19, 2005. On or before September 9, 2005, plaintiff shall make any expert disclosure intended to contradict or rebut the defendant's August 19, 2005 disclosure; and defendant shall make any expert disclosure intended to contradict or rebut the plaintiff's September 9, 2005 disclosure on or before September 16, 2005.

4. Confidentiality Information and Papers filed under Seal. Should counsel find it will be necessary to apply to the court for a protective order specifying terms and conditions for the disclosure of confidential information, they should confer and attempt to reach an agreement on a proposed form of order and submit it to the court within ten days from the date of this order. When filing papers under seal, counsel should deliver to the Clerk an original and two copies of the papers.

**If after making a diligent effort the parties are unable to agree on the contents of the joint proposed protective order, then they shall follow the dispute resolution process outlined in paragraph 3(a).**

5. **Settlement Conferences.** Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §636, this matter is referred to the United States Magistrate for the purpose of exploring the possibility of a settlement. If the parties agree that the possibility of settlement may be enhanced by such a referral, the parties shall contact Magistrate Judge Thyng to schedule a settlement conference with counsel and clients.

6. **Status/Settlement Conference.** On \_\_\_\_\_, the Court will hold a conference by telephone with counsel beginning at \_\_\_\_ to discuss the progress of efforts to settle this dispute. Plaintiff's counsel shall initiate the telephone call.

If no efforts have been made or those efforts have to date been unsuccessful, counsel shall be prepared to discuss the possibility of setting up a settlement conference with the Court with counsel and their clients.

7. **Case Dispositive Motions.** All case dispositive motions and an opening brief and affidavits, if any, in support of the motion shall be served and filed on or before October 17, 2005. Briefing will be presented pursuant to the Court's Local Rules, unless the parties agree to an alternative briefing schedule. Any such agreement shall be in writing and filed with the Court's approval.

8. **Application by Motion.** Except as provided in this Order or for matters relating to scheduling, any application to the Court shall be by written motion filed with the Clerk. Unless otherwise requested by the Court, counsel shall not deliver copies of papers or correspondence to

Chambers. Any non-dispositive motions should contain the statement required by Local Rule 7.1.1.

9. **Oral Argument.** If the Court believes that oral argument is necessary, the Court will schedule a hearing Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1.4.

10. **Pretrial Conference.** On March 3, 2006, the Court will hold a Pretrial Conference in Chambers with counsel beginning at 10:00 a.m. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the parties should assume that filing the pretrial order satisfies the pretrial disclosure requirement in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(3). Thirty (30) days before the joint proposed pretrial order is due, plaintiff's counsel shall forward to defendant's counsel a draft of the pretrial order containing the information plaintiff proposes to include in the draft. Defendant's counsel shall, in turn, provide to plaintiff's counsel any comments on the plaintiff's draft as well as the information defendant proposes to include in the proposed pretrial order. Motions *in limine*: No party shall file more than ten (10) motions *in limine*. Briefs (**opening, answering and reply**) on all motions *in limine* shall be filed by \_\_\_\_\_. Opening and answering briefs shall not exceed five (5) pages and reply briefs shall not exceed three (3) pages. The parties shall file with the court the joint proposed final pretrial order with the information required by the form of Final Pretrial Order which accompanies this Scheduling Order on or before February 10, 2006.

11. **Trial.** This matter is scheduled for a three-day jury trial beginning at 9:00 a.m. on March 22, 2006.

12. **Scheduling.** The parties shall direct any requests or questions regarding the scheduling and management of this matter to Chambers at (302) 573-6470.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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**NOTICE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this date, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using CM/ECF which will send notification of such filing(s) to the following:

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